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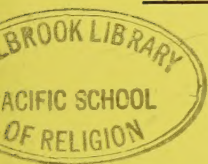


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Taking a stand

EDWIN G. LEEVER

A friend of mine was telling me how he took his stand recently for what he felt was right. He didn't impulsively react, stubbornly rebel, or get all churned up inside. He simply did what he felt he should do, even though no one else took the stand he did. Later his position proved to be right, and he was praised for his courage.

Are we as willing to take our stand for what we feel is right? And to do it as often as seems necessary? Or do we allow ourselves to be pushed around and intimidated when we know something is wrong at home, on the job, in our social life, or even in our church work? If we know something is wrong, why do we let it go on and on and on? Where is our moral courage to stand up for what we feel is right?

We can face error—anything not good, not of God—as we take our stand with Truth, God. “Truth is always the victor,”¹

writes Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science. Truth never loses nor falters, gets rattled and impulsive, becomes browbeaten and terrified. Truth is always triumphant, all-powerful, all-present, All. Truth knows, is conscious of, only that which really is.

Standing with Truth, then, is being steadfast for what is spiritually true of any situation we encounter on the human scene. And what is true is that in our real being as God's man, we're always safe and protected, upright and loved, complete and sound, fearless and indestructible. Why? Because man is made in God's likeness, the likeness of infinite Spirit. Man is maintained by God, divine Principle, and is sustained by Him, all-embracing Love.

Any lie that evil, the carnal mind, would tell us to the contrary can be proved to be just not so. Man, created by infinite Spirit, is spiritual and not material or vulnerable to any evil circumstance or condition. Man, maintained by divine Principle, is under divine law only. Sustained by all-embracing Love, divine Love, he is ever loved and perfectly cared for. These spiritual facts give us a divine, never-failing basis for never accepting or fearing any picture evil would paint in our lives.

We don't have to bow down to a power other than God, because no such power exists. Christ Jesus proved this for us, and Paul must have seen it, for he wrote, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"² Not only who but what could possibly be against us? What condition? What circumstance? How could there ever be more than one omnipotent power controlling His creation, and controlling it in perfect order and harmony?

Standing with Truth is relying not on a person or on stubborn willpower but on the one omnipotent power, divine Mind, for all we need. Divine Mind continually supplies man with all intelligence, strength, and spiritual understanding. Seeing this helps us express more moral courage, even if we are tempted to feel evil will get back at us in some way if we take an unpopular position. Man is outside the range of any evil attack, because evil has no actual existence. Also, the very substance and essence of man's being is spiritual, not material, and so man cannot be a target. No amount of mudslinging can ever touch a

sunbeam. Neither can any evil attack, material opinion, or human belief touch man. And this is true regardless of how many people believe evil and whether it is deliberately malicious or ignorantly unintentional.

Standing with Truth, we accept only spiritual facts as true, because they are true. Refusing to believe evil has any power or hold over us, or anyone, brings on evil's downfall, dust to dust. Even if we feel we can attribute our problem to someone's hatred of us, we can remember Mrs. Eddy's statement, "All unscientific mental practice is erroneous and powerless, and should be understood and so rendered fruitless."³ Evil has no identity, belongs to no one, and is completely impotent. When we clearly see evil's erroneous nature and powerlessness, through prayerfully realizing the spiritual facts of being, it is "rendered fruitless."

Even if we have not been alert in seeing evil's powerlessness, we can expect to be taken out of trouble and to be healed as we stand with Truth.

A couple of years ago, while involved in some Christian Science activities, I became ill. While I was praying to heal the illness, I felt I detected a lot of resistance to what I was doing. I mentioned this to my wife, who had lured me from my sickbed to the dinner table with a delicious fried chicken dinner. Without missing a bite, she asked, "What resistance?"

Her comment made me angry. She knew what I was having to contend with. But after dinner I thought about what she had said. And it suddenly hit me, "If I feel there's something out there that can resist good, God, I'm believing God is not all-powerful. And that's just not so. He *is* all-powerful, and I believe it." At last I was courageously taking my stand with Truth. I prayed along this line, and within thirty minutes I was completely healed of all the physical symptoms, which had been around for two or three days. I dived back into all my activities with renewed vigor and deeper spiritual conviction.

I learned from this experience, simple as it was, to take a firm position against any intrusion of error in my consciousness. And that's where our line of defense always is—in consciousness. Once we mentally defend ourselves, we'll have the moral cour-

age to do whatever must be done in our lives. Mrs. Eddy tells us, "Go, if you must, to the dungeon or the scaffold, but take not back the words of Truth." Strong words, but don't many conditions today warrant strong stands? Mrs. Eddy then raises this thought-provoking question: "How many are there ready to suffer for a righteous cause, to stand a long siege, take the front rank, face the foe, and be in the battle every day?"⁴

Each one of us has the divinely derived ability and power and moral courage to do this when it is demanded of us. We're standing not alone but with Truth. And taking our stand always starts right where we are—today. Are you willing to begin?

¹ *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 380; ² Rom. 8:31; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 375; ⁴ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 99.

"... a mortal is not the real man"

Material personality or spiritual individuality?

ANDREA COATES BROWER

The young man leaned over to his girlfriend after history class and exclaimed, "Wow, I really felt good vibes from Mr. Thomas. Do you know what I mean?"

"Yes, I understand about vibes, but I didn't feel it." (The word "vibes" is slang for "vibrations," which in this case refers to an emotional reaction of one person toward another.)

So here were two different opinions as to the personality of the history teacher, Mr. Thomas. Which was correct?

Whatever defines man as a material, mortal personality, good or bad, is not the truth of man. Man is the likeness of Spirit, of God, and Christian Science plainly shows that material personality is not that likeness.

God's man is the true identity of everyone. This identity has nothing to do with matter or personality. Material personality defines a mortal, but a mortal is not the real man. Whatever "vibes" are felt between two people is the evidence of material, personal sense, which tells us nothing of God or man.

All true thought and feeling are spiritual. They are not transmitted from one mortal to another but are reflected by each individual idea of God. Mrs. Eddy writes: "The world believes in many persons; but if God is personal, there is but one person, because there is but one God. His personality can only be reflected, not transmitted."¹

Less defining of man in material terms frees us from countless limitations. Mrs. Eddy records in *Miscellaneous Writings*: "A person wrote to me, naming the time of the occurrence, 'I felt the influence of your thought on my mind, and it produced a wonderful illumination, peace, and understanding;' but, I had not thought of the writer at that time. I knew that this person was doing well, and my affections involuntarily flow out towards all.

"When will the world cease to judge of causes from a personal sense of things, conjectural and misapprehensive!"²

Christ Jesus expressed universal love, impartial and all-inclusive. Those who were ready he wakened to the blessings of the Christ, the true idea of divine Love.

Cornelius, a Roman centurion who loved God very much, had a vision in which an angel told him to send for Jesus' disciple Peter. When Peter arrived, Cornelius worshiped him. But the Bible tells us, "Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man."³ This seems to indicate that Peter realized mortal personality is not the true identity of man. When Jesus asked his disciples, "But whom say ye that I am?" it was Peter who said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."⁴

A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to study in Paris. I was to live with a French family, and shortly after I moved in, my new family and I just didn't get along. One might say I felt bad "vibes" toward them. Our cultural and religious backgrounds were different. There didn't seem to be any basis for communication. I was miserable.

Several weeks passed before I did anything about the situation. Then I began to pray to God for the answer to my problem. The answer came quickly when I realized that so-called vibes—good or bad—come from the belief that man is a material personality and that matter is a communicator. Knowing that these feelings were unreal and misleading, I began to identify everyone in the household as spiritual, unique, an individual idea of divine Love. I realized that our identities were not in matter and that we could only reflect the divine nature of God. I saw the innate goodness and wonderful individuality of each of them as well as of myself. Everything changed, and we became good friends. Harmony and love developed, and significant communication came about when I stopped looking at them from a material viewpoint and strove to see them as God sees man.

Rejecting material sensation and the belief that identity is in matter, we begin to perceive man's spiritual, limitless identity and individuality. By turning our thought away from material personality and to God we can begin to heal the way Jesus did, freeing ourselves and others from limitations of all kinds. Then we understand better the truth of Mrs. Eddy's statement, "Rightly understood, instead of possessing a sentient material form, man has a sensationless body; and God, the Soul of man and of all existence, being perpetual in His own individuality, harmony, and immortality, imparts and perpetuates these qualities in man,—through Mind, not matter." ⁵

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 517; ² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 290; ³ Acts 10:26; ⁴ Matt. 16:15, 16; ⁵ *Science and Health*, p. 280.

Acceptance precedes being accepted

JOYCE M. REHR

If, at times, you feel out of place, unaccepted, it helps to ask yourself: Have I accepted? Have I accepted the truth of man as God made him, as the image of a loving Father? Or have I rejected this true picture of man and accepted only what the material senses testify to—a mortal counterfeit of man?

The Christ comes to destroy the false belief in a creation apart from God, in something besides His all-inclusive goodness. Mrs. Eddy gives us this definition of "Christ" in the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health*: "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error."¹ As we let Christliness become active in our consciousness it spiritualizes our view of others and frees us to enjoy happy relationships.

If God is Spirit, perfect and all-powerful, and if He made man in His own likeness, then man must be perfect and spiritual also. Why, then, do we sometimes see others as unloving or thoughtless mortals who have not accepted us? Could it be that we ourselves need to exchange a false concept of man for a clearer understanding of how God created him?

Who made this false view of man? God certainly didn't. The answer is that it was never really made. It is an illusion presented by the material senses, which would keep one from expressing love and accepting better relationships. "God hath made man upright,"² the Bible asserts. The moment an individual wakes up to the correct view of man, the only obstruction to feeling accepted has been removed.

God has always accepted us as His beloved children. We need to accept God, know Him, love Him. Then we can accept our fellow being as God made him. When this is done, there is no

place on earth that we can go and not feel accepted, because we have learned to accept the truth of man. As our love for God becomes so firmly established that we are more concerned with pleasing Him than with being approved by others and are willing to accept only the true picture of man as God created him—then we will feel the joy of acceptance. We will know with conviction that “our God is Love, unchanging Love.”³

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 583; ² Eccl. 7:29; ³ *Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 269.

In the name of the Lord

Problem,
I saw you coming—
and you were very big,
far bigger than I,
and better armed.

So I threw away both sword and shield—
the good reasons,
the desperate excuses,
the clutter of accusations and of self-defense—
and I took one tried spiritual truth,
ran to meet you
but would not engage in close combat
to struggle with you,
twist, or turn, or wrestle.

I discerned the one chink in your armor—
your colossal nothingness—
and at this, with well-chosen aim,
slung the basic fact of God's allness,
thus neatly disposing of you
in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

ROSEMARY COBHAM

Chipping away to discover the real man

LOUISE STARR KLEINSMITH

The sculptor Michelangelo said that when he looked at a block of marble he saw a form inside waiting to get out, and all he did was to chip away everything that was not a part of that form. Mrs. Eddy says in *Science and Health*, "We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought."¹

Each of us wants a better life. It's natural to want a life filled with peace, joy, health, and harmony. But what is the model toward which we should be looking? Is it not man created in the image of God, the perfect child of a perfect heavenly Father?

We need to chip away everything in our thought and life that is not a part of that man, not a part of God's reflection. Our present state of existence is a continuous process of ridding our thought of that which is unlike God in order to discover the real man. Daily we must chip away. We must remove the belief that we are mortals, subject to sin, suffering, and death. We have to carve away jealousy, hatred, self-righteousness, unkindness; cut off the desire to gossip or to judge others. As we chip away, we begin to see more clearly the perfect man of God's creating.

How do we do this? We can begin by studying Mrs. Eddy's charge, "To divest thought of false trusts and material evidences in order that the spiritual facts of being may appear,—this is the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep away the false and give place to the true."² And we can keep the perfect model of Christ Jesus' life always before our thought. Sometimes we might ask ourselves what Jesus would do in this situation or what he would say.

Not long ago I was faced with circumstances that required me to get rid of the false view of man and to see him as the perfect reflection of God. While I was serving as chairman of a group in

our community an issue came up that greatly affected all members. At a meeting the members began to express strong feelings on both sides of the issue, dividing the group. Many became bitter and hostile. After prayerful thought I suggested that we end the meeting and resume the discussion one week later.

During the week I prayed, as Christian Science teaches, to remove all self-righteousness and personal sense from my consciousness. As I thought of these people, I constantly replaced the hostile and selfish image with the reality of man's identity as an idea of God. It was a joy to feel my thought change.

The second meeting was a happy, harmonious one, with all members expressing love. A decision was made easily, and it was fair to all.

Like Christ Jesus we can all see ourselves and our fellowmen spiritually. Jesus didn't identify man as sick, sinful, or unhappy. Seeing beyond the human picture to divine reality, he said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."³

As a sculptor chisels away at his marble, his thought is on the object he is creating and not on the chips that fall. So, too, when we rid ourselves of the mortal thoughts that would keep us in bondage, we need not be concerned with what form error takes. Whether it appears as sin, disease, hatred, or self-righteousness, it is only that which would hide the perfect man.

Michelangelo must have felt great joy to see his statue emerge, but the man of his creating was only stone. How much greater joy and peace can be ours as we see the real man, the spiritual idea of God's creating, appear in our consciousness!

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 248; ² *ibid.*, p. 428; ³ Matt. 5:48.

A friend when healing is needed

DAVID C. KENNEDY

A child in the throes of a nightmare is unaware of his safe and peaceful surroundings. But the loving touch of a parent wakes him.

Overwhelmed by fear and sickness, we may be unaware of the divine help that is readily available. Or we may plead to God. But pleading tends to blind us to the presence of His outstretched hand, because such prayer flows from doubt.

Christ Jesus rebuked doubt. He told people not to be afraid. Knowing God to be the ever-present, ever-watchful Father of all, Jesus was able to break the fear of disease for countless others. He showed them that man is God's child, not created to wallow in fear and sickness but lovingly formed to glorify God—to reflect Life and its harmony, Soul and its sinless spiritual beauty. He showed them that the creator of all is truly our best friend. Those Jesus healed caught wonderful glimpses of what a disciple later put into words—that “God is love.”¹

“Prayer cannot change the Science of being, but it tends to bring us into harmony with it,”² writes Mrs. Eddy. Sometimes God may seem far away or indifferent to our needs. But He isn't, as Christian Science shows us. Prayer—confident, intelligent, and grateful trust in God, a recognition of His allness and perfection—breaks the fear that would hide spiritual truth. Then God's tender idea, the Christ, touches the heart. We awake to spiritual reality and are healed.

¹ I John 4:8; ² *Science and Health*, p. 2.

Finally free

Sarah Lee

One morning a few weeks ago I woke up with a cramplike pain in my chest. I could not breathe properly or even move easily. I had some thoughts about God—that He is ever present and the only power. I tried to really see that everything is controlled entirely by God, divine Mind. The pain seemed to pass, so I got up, and as it was Sunday, I went to the Christian Science Sunday School.

I did not continue my mental work about the pain, but the fear of its return was with me all day. I went to bed still uneasy and aware that I had not completed the healing. Eventually, at about eleven thirty, I got out my Bible and Mrs. Eddy's book, *Science and Health*, and began to study. I looked up *fear* in the Concordance to *Science and Health* and found this reference very helpful: "If you succeed in wholly removing the fear, your patient is healed."¹ I knew that it was only fear that was keeping me awake.

Then I got out a booklet that had been given to me by my Sunday School teacher. It was called "It's About You" and contained several healings experienced by teen-age girls. I turned to one healing, which contained the following quotation from *Science and Health*: "Every function of the real man is governed by the divine Mind."² I realized that in divine Mind everything lives in harmony, all things working perfectly. There could be no exception to this rule. I remembered that it says in *Science and Health*, "Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements."³

Suddenly I knew that there could be no power over me other than divine Love and that Mind is in total control. I was finally free and happy!

¹ *Science and Health*, pp. 411-412; ² *ibid.*, p. 151; ³ *ibid.*, p. 475.

So you're a Christian Scientist?

Geraldine Karp

In high school everyone knew that I was a Christian Scientist, and it wasn't because I broadcast it to all my friends. As a matter of fact, I avoided discussing religion whenever I could get away with it. You see, I was the only kid around who was a Christian Scientist. When someone asked me my religion, I just shrugged the question off with one of my favorite lines, "Well, my grandparents are Jewish, so what does that make me?" I found that didn't work, however, when it came down to questions like, "Why don't you smoke, drink, or get high?"

While in school I was under the great misapprehension that being a Christian Scientist meant being "different" from everyone else, being the kid who couldn't do anything that looked like fun. It took quite a while to realize that the biblical statement "Come out from among them, and be ye separate"¹ didn't mean "Come out from among them, and be ye alone!" Being separate, in this sense, means having an individual, highly cultivated way of thinking that is separate from the popular patterns of thought, and it means acting in accordance with spiritual laws.

We are taught, as Christian Scientists, to place value on the things of Spirit, God. Our affections are focused on the innate goodness and purity of the real man, instead of on the deceptive physical appearance. God, the Father and Mother of everyone you know (and everyone you don't), created man spiritual and obedient to His spiritual laws. These laws are echoed in the moral code of the Ten Commandments and exemplified in the life of Christ Jesus. They demand the highest standard of human living, evidencing the highest standard of thinking.

The moral demands made upon us to be honest, unselfish, and unimpressed by the temptations and fascinations of matter are sometimes mistaken as restrictions. They are, in fact, quite

the opposite. Morality is liberating in that it frees us from human frustrations. We learn that it is spiritual fulfillment that satisfies, while mis-called physical fulfillment turns out to be a dead end. The five physical senses are counterfeit indicators of happiness and satisfaction. They are the means mortal mind would use to invert the fact that God made man spiritual, whole, complete, not needing anything from matter to secure happiness.

Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*: "The expression *mortal mind* is really a solecism, for Mind is immortal, and Truth pierces the error of mortality as a sunbeam penetrates the cloud. Because, in obedience to the immutable law of Spirit, this so-called mind is self-destructive, I name it mortal."² Our job, as practicing Christian Scientists, is to slice through the layers upon layers of illusive mortality and get to the reality of man's spiritual being.

Just as the substance of an apple is derived from the substance of the tree on which it grows, so man, the offspring of God, is good. The love of good is the essence of man's nature—Principle expressed. Principle, or God, gives us the moral strength to rebuke evil. Principle is the one lawmaker, and there are no lawbreakers. There is not one single evil-minded being in God's creation, because there is not one single evil thought in God, who is universal Mind.

Christ Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, and reformed the sinner. He did this by rejecting the illusions of physical sense and seeing spiritual man. This spiritual vision attracts others to us as nothing else possibly can. Jesus himself said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."³

It wasn't until I went away to college that I realized I had to live Christian Science by seeing through materiality to value the real, spiritual man. This not only made me feel good, but others wanted to be with me because it made them feel good, too. One boy that I went out with commented on how refreshing he found this unique, individual way of thinking. He had been out with a lot of other girls whose attitudes and life-styles were drastically different from mine.

One day, while studying in my room, I was bombarded by a

group of girls living on my floor in the dorm. They plopped themselves down and began by saying, "OK, so what's so special about Christian Science?" After responding to dozens of "What would you do if this happened to you?" questions, I watched the girls march out.

Instead of feeling I had been attacked by a battalion of mortal minds (as I had viewed this kind of questioning before), I felt a surge of camaraderie with the so-called "enemy." Since no one is outside God's great love, no one is outside the Christ, Truth. And this fact, understood, opens the door for Truth. Getting my thoughts at "Atten-hut!" I used this God-given opportunity to affirm my allegiance as a Christian soldier. The battle is not with each other, but with the deceptive and destructive belief of life in matter.

Almost every girl came back, individually, and wanted to know more about Christian Science. They had glimpsed how special, how liberating, the Science of Christlike living really is. One girl even wrote a paper on Christian Science for her philosophy class. Her admiration for its teachings was woven through every paragraph—and she got an *A* on the paper!

A tense situation with my roommate improved tremendously when I was no longer afraid and timid about sharing the truth. Previously, her animosity toward Science was so great that if I had a pimple she would point to it and say, "Heal *that!*" Later on in the school year she became a frequent reader of the *Sentinel* and even subscribed to it.

"The spirit of Truth is the lever which elevates mankind,"⁴ writes Mrs. Eddy. So don't ever be hesitant to share your religion with your friends. But *be* a living example of that Christliness which heals, regenerates, and refines character. It's your protection from feeling unable to share your religion or feeling overwhelmed by a powerful army. Know yourself for what you are—the child of God. "Take unto you the whole armour of God," and after "having done all," don't be afraid—"stand."⁵

¹ II Cor. 6:17; ² *Science and Health*, p. 210; ³ John 12:32; ⁴ *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 130; ⁵ Eph. 6:13.

I found her

Barbara A. Eriksson

(For children)

Fluffy was the name of my pet rabbit. She had a nice hutch for a home in our backyard, and often I would let her out of the hutch to run and play around the yard. She liked running in the grass and nibbling it. Since she didn't know where our yard ended, I had to watch her carefully.

Late one afternoon, after putting Fluffy back in her cage, I forgot to latch the cage door. The next morning, when I went to feed her before school, she was gone. I was really worried, because we lived in a large neighborhood, and there were lots of dogs. The dogs didn't know they weren't supposed to hurt rabbits.

I didn't know where to begin looking, and besides that it was almost time to leave for school. I was in the fourth grade and had been going to the Christian Science Sunday School since I was four. I knew I could depend on God's help. I knew Fluffy was held in God's love and so she couldn't really be lost.

Riding my bike to school that day, I kept watching for something white hopping along. I had a hard time concentrating on my schoolwork, but I knew it was right for me to be in school. I felt sure I could trust Fluffy to God's care.

At lunchtime I rode my bike around the area surrounding the school, searching for Fluffy, and then headed home for lunch. I had seen no sign of a white rabbit, and neither had anyone I asked.

That afternoon in school seemed very long, but finally I was on my bike again, riding, searching, and praying. I kept singing Mrs. Eddy's hymn "Feed My Sheep," which starts out this way:

Shepherd, show me how to go
O'er the hillside steep,
How to gather, how to sow,—
How to feed Thy sheep;
I will listen for Thy voice,
Lest my footsteps stray;
I will follow and rejoice
All the rugged way.¹



As I climbed the hill to our house, I suddenly spotted a white object below. I almost passed it by, as it was very still and resembled a white birch log. Finally I felt directed to get off my bike and walk down. There was Fluffy quietly eating grass! It was as though she'd picked that spot and waited for me to come and get her on my way home from school. I felt very grateful and silently thanked God as I carefully placed Fluffy in the basket of my bicycle and rode her home.

¹ *Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 304.

The right course

James Rutledge Peake



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The sailboats were well along the first leg of the big race when a boy arrived late with his craft. It was unlikely that he could catch up to the fleet, but he decided to launch his boat and enjoy the sail anyway. He inquired of the race officials about the proper course for his class of boat and then set off. His boat, bobbing hopelessly along after the fleet, brought some smiles to those on shore.

As the boy neared the first marker of the triangular course, he suddenly noticed that the other boats in his class had sailed past the marker and out toward a distant buoy. In the heat of competition they had taken the wrong course, the longer course marked for the larger-class boats! Smartly he rounded the nearby marker, trimmed his sails, and tacked for the second marker and then for home. While the other boats were far in the distance, he crossed the finish line and won the race!

There are lessons to be learned from this boy's experience. The first lesson is that the boy made sure of the right course by asking those in charge of the race. He didn't let his sense of disappointment and of urgency make him forget the first rule of racing—know the course.

How do we find the right course to follow in the various events of life? What race official can we ask to find the proper way? The Bible says God told Jeremiah, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."¹ This promise has been fulfilled down through the ages, so that there is no reason to doubt today whether God will show us the way when we are truly and humbly listening.

An essential part of listening is the promise to obey what God tells us, whether it seems easy or not. If God's direction is to do what doesn't suit us, we need to follow it all the same. This is the point to the Bible story about Jonah, who was fearful of following God's direction and ended up in the whale.² We can land in a whale of a lot of trouble when we stubbornly go our own way!

The second lesson is that the boy stuck to the right course. No matter how alone he was, he wasn't tempted to follow the course

pursued by others. Let them follow each other! He would persist in following the way he knew to be true.

We need to follow the rules to be real Christian Scientists. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes, "Whoever would demonstrate the healing of Christian Science must abide strictly by its rules, heed every statement, and advance from the rudiments laid down." And she continues, "There is nothing difficult nor toilsome in this task, when the way is pointed out; but self-denial, sincerity, Christianity, and persistence alone win the prize, as they usually do in every department of life."³ The boy's enjoyment of his task, although he seemed so far out of the race, kept it from seeming hard. And his persistence and dedication to the right course at the moment of decision made him deserve the prize.

Thirdly, the boy finished the race. Not a drifter or a dawdler, he grasped the opportunity close at hand. The young sailor could claim the prize and the satisfaction described in the Bible: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."⁴

Everyone is on some course, but only the right course is worth pursuing. As we trust God to point out the way and listen for His directing, we will find ourselves obediently following a course we know to be right. And at last we will finish our course and claim, as Christ Jesus did, the prize of eternal life.

¹ Jer. 33:3; ² See Jonah, Chaps. 1-2; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 462; ⁴ II Tim. 4:7.

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Being: its oneness and wholeness

This assertion about being flatly contradicts the way things seem to us as human beings. Yet the oneness and wholeness of being is the truth mankind needs.

"God is like Himself and like nothing else," Mary Baker Eddy notes. "He is universal and primitive. His character admits of no degrees of comparison. God is not part, but the whole."¹ This basic statement of the nature of God, understood, has enormous and practical ramifications for each of us.

God is Mind. It's commonly accepted that there are as many minds as there are people. But as there is one God there is but one Mind. Mind is the unbroken cause and source of everything that has true being. To human reasoning, this is a revolutionary and radical concept—we seem so accustomed to thinking of ourselves as having an independent consciousness that exists in a material body that in turn lives in some tiny corner of an immense universe.

Mankind reasons in terms of "many," not from the reality of spiritual oneness. Human speculation would divide Mind into consciousnesses and multiply the product into thousands of millions of minds—minds with a recollection of a material past, a conviction of a material present, and an anticipation of a material future. In Science, there always has been, and forever will be, only one Mind, made evident in the eternal completeness of man and universe.

God is Life. There are not really as many lives as there are people. Life is indivisible, not an element of being but the whole. To divisive mortal sense, it looks as though there is a myriad of lives, intertwined, converging and diverging, each tak-

ing its own course. But Life is one and All. Man lives the life that is the outcome of Life's oneness and infiniteness.

Sometimes people wish they could live another life, having made a mess of their present one. The life that can be messed up is the life that is of human origin. We can exchange that erring sense of life for the immaculate life that flows from the All-Life, from God.

We can live (and in reality are living) the life that is the emanation of the only Life, God. Mortal thought would split Life into lives, would mortalize those lives, separate them from the one Life, and alienate those lives from one another. This false view wrecks brotherhood. But the Science of Life gives the basis on which unity can be restored.

Suppose we are bringing Christian Science to bear on an estrangement of some kind. We can know that God is Soul, and Soul is one. Soul is never fractionated into souls or persons. Soul manifests itself in wholeness, not in pieces. Mortal thought induces a shattered sense of being. It would slice infinite Soul into millions of bits, and face us then with the task of trying to put them back together again.

Our aim is not to try to reunite mortal beings but to discard the false sense of resented or resentful mortal beings—to acknowledge the oneness and wholeness of being. This heals. Mrs. Eddy gives us this marvelous exposure of the workings of mortal reason: "We run into error when we divide Soul into souls, multiply Mind into minds and suppose error to be mind, then mind to be in matter and matter to be a lawgiver, unintelligence to act like intelligence, and mortality to be the matrix of immortality."² We run *out* of error, in a manner of talking, when we affirm the indivisibility of Soul.

God is Spirit, and Spirit (being All) is the only substance. The world that appears to our senses would suggest that Spirit, which alone is substance, can be divided—that the one substance can be broken down into substances: into chemicals acting and reacting, into poisons, into the stuff that makes up the physical environment. Consequently, things wear out. But in Science the substance of Spirit is never injurious or liable to corrosion or wear. In the wholeness and oneness of substance there

can be neither a shortage of substances nor an oversupply of substances. Disease has no substance; and substance is not diseased. Sickness can be healed on this basis.

God is Principle, the origin of all law. Principle, the whole and not merely a part of being, does not express itself in a multiplicity of mortal laws, complicated, contradictory, constrictive. There are, in divine Science, no laws to curtail true freedom; no frightening medical laws; no unjust laws. God is one Truth and one Love, not many. Truth is never split up into mortal truths, theories, or teachings, abrasively in contact, controversial, corruptive. Love is single, never debased into erratic personal sentimentality, always incapable of turning into hate.

Christ Jesus recognized, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation."³ Real being includes no divisive elements. And real being is all. That which would divide Soul into persons and then make sick persons, that which would break down Mind into minds and make sick minds, is brought to desolation as we understand and prove the Science of all being.

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¹ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 102; ² *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, pp. 249-250; ³ Matt. 12:25.

Smoke? Not me. Not anyone.

"Why ever did I take up smoking in the first place?" People are often exasperated with themselves for having fallen for the tobacco habit earlier in life—frequently during high school years. It may take some effort to learn how to smoke, but usually it takes a great deal more to stop smoking. For many people it's a big question: How to break the habit?

An antismoking campaign leaflet recently circulated in mail-boxes gives more than a dozen hints on how to get free—all of them featuring the negative words "stop" and "avoid" and "don't." How different from the affirmative message of Christ Jesus: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."¹

Christian Science reinstates the Master's teaching and practice today, healing addictions as well as disease on a positive basis of divine Truth.

According to this method, in dealing with any human discord one invariably starts to reason from the basis of perfect God, divine Spirit, as the one creator. From this it follows that because God is invariably perfect, all creation is and always must remain spiritually perfect. Disease, any kind of discord, must therefore be recognized as a lie, a false belief. The scientific Christian thinker is, then, able to mentally dismiss discord as untrue and affirm the present and continuous harmony of man. Then, since the physical body is the objectification of human thought, this mental purification inevitably leads to healing of whatever needs to be healed.

In just the same way, Christian Scientists start from the basis of perfect God and perfect man in healing addiction to smoking. They take the stand that the real man is immortal, uncontaminated by matter or material beliefs. He is God's invariably pure and perfect idea. From this it follows that, in fact, man has never been addicted to matter. He has never smoked!

Perhaps it may seem presumptuous to claim for oneself or for a friend the perfection of immortal man in God's likeness. But Mrs. Eddy writes: "You can never demonstrate spirituality until you declare yourself to be immortal and understand that you are so. Christian Science is absolute; it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it; it is at this point and must be practised therefrom." And she continues, "Unless you fully perceive that you are the child of God, hence perfect, you have no Principle to demonstrate and no rule for its demonstration."²

The student of Christian Science learns that a physical body is a false mental image, not the real man, and that the children of God are perfect, spiritual ideas of immortal Mind. It is not hard, then, to understand and declare in all humility that one is, in truth, immortal. One can perceive that immortal identity is the only real selfhood. The mortal picture of imperfect physical being, addicted to tobacco, is an imposition, fit only to be denied.

Paul's message is, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those

things which are above Your life is hid with Christ in God.” And one can claim this further blessing, which accompanies ascending vision of true manhood: “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”³

Indeed, the immortal offspring of God have never fallen to a level of mortality and dependence on matter. The frail mortals who appear to exist, to be sick, to be addicted, and to die are illusions. They are not the true images of God who appear with Christ in glory.

On the basis of divine Principle we can affirm with certainty that in truth we never have been mortal smokers. Nobody in his real, immortal being, has ever smoked. By understanding this spiritual fact and declaring it, we bring human thought in line with immortal perfection and enable truth to be demonstrated in us.

To adults who are condemning themselves for having taken up smoking in high school it may seem ludicrous to be assured that they never have smoked! But the spiritual logic is plain. And for those who rise from the false belief of being fallible mortals living in matter and are willing to accept, instead, the Christly understanding that they are in fact immortal, spiritual children of God, “hence perfect,” there is promise of freedom and healing.

To young people in high school who are tempted to follow the crowd and experiment with tobacco—or alcohol or other drugs—the Christian Science message of unspoilable, immortal perfection is no license to indulge. Right now you can enjoy the benefits of divine Principle’s law of harmony in everything you do if you allow it to govern you. But if you identify yourself falsely with a lower kingdom—an imaginary, physical realm in which material, not spiritual, laws are said to be supreme—you shut yourself out in your own belief from the benefits of God’s rule. How foolish to make yourself suffer even in belief when you could be so serene and free under Principle’s law. Why not rise up and know the truth now?

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¹ John 8:32; ² *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 242; ³ Col. 3:1, 3, 4.



How much we need to love

Belonging to any organization brings out the need to work together. It takes the spirit of love. It takes faithful persistence and dedication and it's especially called for in church work. For the mission of church is love and healing.

Mary Baker Eddy knew this. In her Messages to members of her church, she speaks of living Christianity. She shows ways we can learn to love one another. Greater love for our fellow members grows out of a deeper love for God. To love God is to understand Him. To love His children is to appreciate the Godlikeness in them.

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Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

Christian Science was introduced to us at a time when we were moving from one suburb to another, and needed a new church home. Also, our eldest son was having difficulty with a hip joint and would need an operation in a few weeks time. We took the three children to the Christian Science Sunday School, then to a different neighborhood church each Sunday, until our three-year-old told us he was tired of going to so many different Sunday Schools. He wanted to go to the first one all the time. The others agreed, so we started attending the Church of Christ, Scientist, and enrolled the children in the Sunday School. Shortly thereafter, there was a complete healing of our son's hip difficulty. This came about as a result of our talking with a Christian Science practitioner, although no specific prayerful treatment was given. The child was so receptive to the truths and accepted so sincerely what she told him of God that the healing took place. He also had some wonderful conversations with his Sunday School teacher that meant much to him.

There were many healings after that. One time a lump developed in my breast. I allowed inner fear to grow, as well as the condition. One Sunday while ushering in church, I turned to face the First Reader as he read Hymn No. 298 from the *Christian Science Hymnal*, with these words by Mary Baker Eddy:

'Tis the Spirit that makes pure,
That exalts thee, and will cure
All thy sorrow and sickness and sin.

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

The words had the impact of someone giving me a good shaking, and though I started to sob very hard, I soon was able to resume my duties. I then started working with a Christian Science practitioner, earnestly knowing that those words from the hymn were indeed true. Each day a section from the weekly Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly*, or a sentence or two from Mrs. Eddy's writings, would stand out to me, and I would get strength from pondering them many times during the day.

The day came for me to take some young neighbors to a matinee—an outing that had been previously planned. I was uncertain whether I could drive or not, as pain had kept me from using my arm much at that point. After realizing this was a good activity—good music by a fine performer—I got ready and went. Every time I felt pain or was hampered in any way, I would reject the error and realize that God is the source of my life and strength, and that nothing could take my joy from me that day. When I wanted to applaud, which seemed quite painful, I would silence the suggestion that I could not applaud. I went ahead and applauded. I continued this line of reasoning for the rest of the day with the acknowledgment of God's healing presence and control.

Later that evening, when I was returning home from visiting friends, I realized it had been more than an hour since I'd had to deny any error, and what a joyous moment that was! I knew I had been healed! I felt as though I could fly the rest of the way home by myself! The following day I was able to clean the entire house, do the laundry, and scrub three floors. In a very short time all the physical evidence of a lump had vanished.

There were a number of lessons learned from this healing. The greatest lesson was that we must know and declare God's power in our lives through proof by demonstration, as Mrs. Eddy teaches (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 264): "We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being."

I am very grateful that we found Christian Science when we did, and for the loving help of all the practitioners.

(Mrs.) HAZEL LOUISE GEORGE
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In *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy writes (p. 475), "Man is idea, the image, of Love"; and in the Bible we read (Gen. 1:26), "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." The opportunity to prove these statements came to me recently in my second year of high school.

As a student of Christian Science, I know that whenever a problem arises I will always have the tools to handle it.

I am a member of the girls' basketball team at my school, and there are always a few people involved who think that nothing matters but winning. For example, when our coach is giving us a pep talk before a game, it's always, "Now, get out there and fight, fight, fight; *be mean*; beat them." Being a Christian Scientist, I have to know to myself that I should play my best, but play for the glory of God. I must use the ability God has given me, and my main objective is not winning the game, it is to express all Godlike qualities and to know my teammates and opponents are all God's children.

In our first practice sessions last year, I went out on the court with a completely wrong attitude. I felt that I should do just as the coaches had told me or they would be angry with me. Although it was wrong, my attitude was, "I must impress the coaches because they asked me to be in basketball, and maybe they will think I am not good enough for the team." And I really wanted to play, as I love all sports activities. I was not happy with the situation, and began to resent the attitude of the coaches and team members.

A few days had passed before I realized that I had the wrong approach. With my mother's help and continuing encouragement, I began to realize where my true ability came from. Impressing the coaches should not be a goal to set, but my real goal is in having the right attitude, playing for the glory of God, and seeing everyone out there as a perfect likeness of God. I learned that when I did this everything worked out fine for me, and I knew my right understanding would bless the entire team. The citations mentioned at the beginning of this testimony became very real to me, and I began to see each one, including my coaches, as the image of Love.

I am still playing basketball, and every morning before we

start, I remember to relate my thought to facts of true being, such as, "Who am I; and who are my teammates, coaches, and opponents?" The answer comes immediately: "We are all one happy, harmonious family, under God's government." This won't make me win the game and the other side lose, but actually I know that, in an important sense, we are all winners.

I have been in the Christian Science Sunday School since very early childhood, and I am realizing more and more what a wonderful thing my religion is. I am very grateful for the help I have had over the years from my Sunday School teachers.

(Miss) LUCY COLLEEN VORDENBAUM
San Antonio, Texas



One day when I was sliding, I went over a jump and did something to my leg. It was hurting, but I thought it was just a cramp. I couldn't bend it or straighten it out that night, but I just ignored it. When I finally got up the next morning, I told my mom I couldn't go to school. She stopped me right then and there. She brought me into my room and read the Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly* to me, but it did me no good, because I was thinking about my leg and feeling sorry for myself. Then she told me about something that Jesus had told the people. It went like this.

There was once a farmer who put seeds into the ground. Some fell on stony ground, some on ground filled with thorny weeds, and some on good ground. The ones on the stony ground grew and died because of the heat. The ones in the weedy ground grew, and then the weeds grew and choked them. The ones in the good ground grew and had fruit (see Matt. 13).

My mom asked me which one I was. I answered by saying sometimes I was the weedy one, but most of the time I was the good one. She said they didn't mix. You were either one or the other. I decided I wouldn't give up my spiritual understanding to any wrong thinking, such as having a bad leg. I really had to change my thinking and stick to good thoughts. I wasn't going to listen to error trying to tell me something was wrong. I was

going to do the good things God had planned for me that day. I went right on to school. My leg was getting better fast.

At school I remembered that I had been having trouble with a boy and had been kind of mad. I remembered that the right way was to make friends with him, so I tried. I had a hymn in my heart.

By the time I came home, my leg was fine.

STEVE HOEFLIN
St. Paul, Minnesota



Last year I had convincing proof that Christian Science heals. During the evening hours I became ill. As a Christian Scientist, I rely totally on God for healing. In this instance, I had difficulty in praying and in studying the Bible or *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, so my wife read to me. I asked a Christian Science practitioner to pray for me, to help me keep my thought focused on God.

For three nights I suffered. During the day I was free of pain. From the start I had to destroy the fear that this condition would return. The practitioner reminded me that nothing could attack a loved idea of God, whether from within or from without. Mrs. Eddy's statement in *Science and Health* was a great help (p. 162): "Christian Science acts as an alterative, neutralizing error with Truth. It changes the secretions, expels humors, dissolves tumors, relaxes rigid muscles, restores carious bones to soundness. The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind."

During the third night I glimpsed a spiritual idea, and I clung to it until it filled my being. I realized that my true identity was not experiencing any pain at all. In fact, that harmonious identity is always intact, reflecting God. What was suffering was a mistaken sense of self. As I felt at one with spiritual being, the counterfeit belief about myself and the pain completely left me.

During this time I also faced up to a growing resentment and

fatigue I felt from having to spend three hours a day driving to and from work. I replaced these upsetting thoughts by acknowledging God as all-presence and the source of my strength and alertness. This was part of the healing.

I have had many healings in Christian Science. One day I burned the inside of my mouth severely. I immediately declared that I was the very reflection of God, of Love, Life, Soul, Spirit, Principle, Truth, Mind. I thought about each synonym and how I reflected it. I also knew that no accident ever occurred to God or to His perfect idea, man. The pain was gone within half an hour. Later a dentist remarked that I had had a severe burn, but that a complete healing had taken place.

I have had two healings regarding teeth; both came when the fear of diseased and imperfect substance was replaced with the conviction that God, Spirit, is flawless substance. I remember a dentist telling my father and me that I needed mouth surgery. I didn't hear any more because I was quietly reversing that opinion with the truth of God's allness and perfection. However, there was so much fear on the part of my family that we visited a Christian Science practitioner that same day. The practitioner was so sure of Truth that, during our conversation, she simply laughed at the error. That broke all the fear, and that's the last I remember of the problem. I never went in for surgery, and that was over ten years ago. Another time I had two small cavities. I declined fillings, taking a firm stand for Christian Science healing. Fear was rooted out, and a year later X-rays showed no need for fillings, for there were no cavities.

I was healed of sudden, partial loss of hearing when I began to listen with gratitude and attention to the Sunday church services.

My marriage to a faithful Christian Scientist has been filled with blessings. From the moment we began to plan our marriage, we endeavored to protect it by bringing our lives into accord with divine Love. We wrote down divine qualities we desired to see expressed at the wedding, such as beauty, peace, heavenly inspiration, and the oneness of Mind. Because God is Soul, each person finds his special way of expressing Love.

During the ceremony we vowed to see each other as God's

beloved idea, to cherish each other's expression of God-inspired individuality. After the ceremony, several guests commented that their views of marriage had been uplifted, and that they felt Love's presence in their hearts. Since that time we have proved that Christian Science solves the problems of marriage as surely as it heals sin and disease.

Daily I am grateful to God, our Father, and for Christian Science, which is my standard for living.

WILLIAM MARSHALL FABIAN
Valley Park, Missouri



It is with deep gratitude that I write this long overdue testimony. One of my early healings as a child sustained for me, in times of discouragement, the firm conviction that Christian Science does heal in any situation. In a seventh-grade gymnastics class I fell from some height with all my weight on one foot. The pain was sharp and continued to be intense, so that I had to be carried home. When I arrived home, my mother and I immediately prayed, denying the reality of pain. I was still unable to walk, but I had absolute confidence that as soon as my mother and I could read and apply the truth in the Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly* I would be healed. It was late afternoon when I arrived home, and Mother was quite busy with five other children; but I was very content to wait until she could read with me, and I was expectant of good. Later, after we had finished the lesson, which was on the subject "Christ Jesus," I realized the Christ, the eternity of Truth. I was healed. I was back in school the morning following the mishap, with no evidence of the effects of the fall. When I look back on this experience, I can see it had a staying influence on my entire academic experience, as I did not miss one day of high school and each undertaking was an unlabored and happy event.

Several years ago, while wearing sandals in the yard, I was stung on the bottom of one foot by a bee. I felt a sharp pain and at first thought I had stepped on a piece of splintered glass. Looking away from the foot and the pain, I stood still and turned to the

understanding of spiritual creation. Very quickly the knowledge that the universe overflows with love that reflects God's nature became a living fact to me. There could be no pain, no hate, no strife anywhere. That was all there was to the sting. All evidence of the strife had disappeared.

Four years ago I was awakened one night by a jolt and found myself sitting upright in bed. In my lap was a heavy, large oil painting that normally hung above the headboard of the bed. I realized the picture had worked loose from the nail and fallen directly on the bridge of my nose. Momentarily I was stunned, but in a few seconds I collected my thoughts and mentally agreed not to accept as true one particle of the experience. I would not awaken any other member in the house nor consult the mirror. While attending to my needs I remembered I was to be a hostess at a party early the next morning, but I met that apprehension with the mental reply, "Let the whole world believe that something hurtful has happened to my face; I will not believe it."

I sat down and firmly met every erroneous suggestion as soon as it appeared. Mortal mind said, "Your nose is swelling rapidly. Can't you feel it?" I replied with confidence, "I can express perfect equilibrium. Mind is peaceful, quiet." Instantly the swelling dissolved. Mortal mind said, "You will probably have a deep gash and look ugly." Immediately I replied, "There is nothing so deep as divine reality, and it is full, beautiful, and good." Mortal mind said, "Your nose may be broken. It feels strange." I replied, "How could Mind break? Mind is intelligent, entire, intact, and good."

Each suggestion was met with realization of perfect spiritual being until finally there were no more arguments of an accident or of an injury. Now came the comforting, sustained feeling that Love was right there. The next morning the nose was normal, with no evidence of injury.

Indeed, I am grateful to God for Christ Jesus and for Mrs. Eddy who gave mankind this practical Science.

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Christian Science Lectures



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ENGLAND

HAMPSHIRE—Southampton: Polygon Hotel Ballroom, The Polygon, 8 p.m., Tues., June 6. "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

KENT—Margate: Pioneer Hall, Cliftonville, Clarendon Rd., 3 p.m., Sat., June 10. "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

LONDON—Lewisham (joint lecture): Concert Hall, Lewisham Town Hall, Catford, 7:30 p.m., Fri., June 9. ‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

London (Third): Church, 7 Curzon St., 7:30 p.m., Thurs., June 8. "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

WEST MIDLANDS—West Bromwich (First, Sandwell): Cronehills Primary School, Hardware St., 7:30 p.m., Thurs., June 15. ‡ "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

UNITED STATES AND CANADA

(Week of May 21 to 27,
and some earlier dates)

CANADA

ONTARIO—Burlington: Holiday Inn, Queen Elizabeth Way and Guelph Line, 8:15 p.m., Tues., May 23. "Let My People Go" (White)

North Bay: Public Library, 271 Worthington St., E., 8 p.m., Fri., May 26. "Christian Science: The Christian's Best Friend" (Plimmer)

St. Catharines: Winston Churchill Secondary School, Glen Morris Dr., 8:15 p.m., Fri., May 26. ‡ "The Law of Christian Science Healing" (Thorneloe)

St. Thomas: Church, 123 Churchill Cres., 3:15 p.m., Sun., May 21. ‡ "Good Without Evil" (White)

Sault Ste. Marie: Public Library, Centennial Rm., 50 East St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25. "Keeping Pace with God" (Plimmer)

Scarborough: Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr., 3 p.m., Sat., May 27. ‡ "A New View of Prophecy" (Thorneloe)

UNITED STATES

ARKANSAS—Arkadelphia: Church, 1300 Pine St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25. "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

Cherokee Village: Thunderbird Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m., Mon., May 22. "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

Springdale: Church, Bailey and Fraker, 8 p.m., Tues., May 23. ‡ "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

CALIFORNIA—Bell and Maywood: Church, 6305 Vinevale Ave., Bell, 3 p.m., Sat., May 6. "Justice Under God's Care" (Henderson)

Gilroy: Church, 283 W. Fifth St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 23. ‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

Long Beach (Third): Church, 3000 E. Third St., 12 m., Mon., May 22. ‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

Ojai: Matilija Junior High, 703 El Paseo Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., May 23. ‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

San Clemente: Church, 3316 Ave. del Presidente, 3 p.m., Sun., May 21. ‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

COLORADO—Boulder: Church, 2243 13th St. and Mapleton, 8 p.m., Tues., May 23. ‡ "Finding Reality Through Prayer" (Heard)

Grand Junction: Church, Seventh St. and Chipeta Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 11. ‡ "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

COLORADO (continued)

Thornton: Thornton High School, 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25.‡ "God Is Your Provider" (Alton)

CONNECTICUT—Meriden: Church, Winthrop Ter., 8 p.m., Tues., May 23.‡ "Loving to Live" (Curtis)

Mystic: Mystic Art Gallery, Water St., 8 p.m., Fri., May 26.‡ "Let My People Go" (White)

Torrington: Coe Memorial Park Center, Main St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 16. "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

DELAWARE—Dover: Church, 217 W. Division St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 9.‡ "A New View of Prophecy" (Thorneloe)

ILLINOIS—Antioch: Community High School, Rte. 83, north of Rte. 173, 8 p.m., Tues., May 23.‡ "See It Like It Is" (Houston)

Chicago (Twenty-third): Church, 75 E. 83d St., 3:30 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

Clinton: First United Methodist Church, 308 E. Main St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25.‡ "Your Right to Be Right" (Pickett)

Kewanee: Church, 300 S. Main St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 21. "Eternity Now" (Patricia Angus Fleming)

INDIANA—Plymouth: Church, 428 S. Michigan St., 2:30 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

Princeton: Church, West and Emerson Sts., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

KANSAS—Emporia: Church, 901 Commercial St., 3 p.m., Sat., May 27.‡ "We Thy People" (Heard)

Iola: Town House Auditorium, 217 N. Washington, 3 p.m., Sun., May 21. "Justice Under God's Care" (Henderson)

Junction City: Church, Fifth and Jefferson, 8 p.m., Fri., May 26.‡ "Finding Reality Through Prayer" (Heard)

Larned: Church, Seventh and Main, 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25. "We Thy People" (Heard)

Pittsburg: Church, 307 E. Madison St., 8 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

LOUISIANA—Shreveport (First): Church, 3201 Centenary Blvd., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25.‡ "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

MASSACHUSETTS—Salem: Church, 16 Lynde St., 3:30 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

MICHIGAN—Escanaba: Church, 325 S. 13th St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25. "See It Like It Is" (Houston)

Flint (joint lecture): Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25.‡ "What Does It Mean to Be Saved?" (Pike)

Howell: Church, 114 S. Walnut St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 23.‡ "What Does It Mean to Be Saved?" (Pike)

Iron River: Church, 701 W. Adams St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 21. "Keeping Pace with God" (Plimmer)

MINNESOTA—Minneapolis (Sixth): Church, 821 Summit Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "What Does It Mean to Be Saved?" (Pike)

MISSOURI—Clarkson Valley (First, Ballwin-Ellisville): Church, Clarkson Rd., 2 blocks north of Clayton Rd., 11 a.m., Sat., May 20.‡ "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

Kansas City (Third): Church, 3953 Walnut St., 8 p.m., Tues., May 23.‡ "Eternity Now" (Patricia Angus Fleming)

Kansas City (Sixth): Church, 400 W. 67th St., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 11.‡ "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

St. Louis (Sixth): Church, 3736 Natural Bridge Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

St. Louis (Seventh): Church, 1123 Holly Hills Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "Eternity Now" (Patricia Angus Fleming)

NEW JERSEY—Dover: Church, 360 W. Blackwell St., 3:30 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "The Spiritual Basis of Health" (Ferris)

North Bergen: Church, 911 82d St., 8:15 p.m., Mon., May 22. "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Pitman: Church, 603 N. Broadway, 8 p.m., Thurs., May 25.‡ "The Spiritual Basis of Health" (Ferris)

NEW YORK—Garden City: Church, 401 Stewart Ave., E., 3:30 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

Hamburg: St. James United Church of Christ, 76 Main St., 8:15 p.m., Thurs., May 25.‡ "The Law of Christian Science Healing" (Thorneloe)

Middletown: Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Rte. 211, 3 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "Loving to Live" (Curtis)

New York (First): Church, Central Park West and 96th St., 7:30 p.m., Fri., May 26.‡ "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

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Northport: Church, 55 Laurel Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., May 26.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

Pleasantville: Church, 219 Bedford Rd., 8:15 p.m., Thurs., May 25.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

Poughkeepsie: Church, 132 Hooker Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., May 22. "Loving to Live" (Curtis)

Rochester (Third): Monroe Community College, 1000 E. Henrietta Rd., 8:15 p.m., Tues., May 23. "A New View of Prophecy" (Thorneloe)

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Wellsville: Church, 332 N. Main St., 8 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "A New View of Prophecy" (Thorneloe)

White Plains: Church, 34 Maple and Mamaroneck Aves., 8:15 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

Williamsville: Church, 111 Youngs Rd., 8:15 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "Let My People Go" (White)

NORTH CAROLINA—Asheville: Church, 64 N. French Broad Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

OHIO—Bedford: Church, 297 Center Rd., 8 p.m., Fri., May 26.‡ "From Hell to Heaven" (Rogers)

Brecksville: Church, 10909 Chippewa Rd., 8 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

Fremont: Ramada Inn, N. State Rte. 53, 8 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "More Than a Superstar" (Aghamalian)

Lorain: Church, 2203 Meister Rd., 8 p.m., Fri., May 26.‡ "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

Mansfield: Church, 91 Marion Ave., 8:15 p.m., Thurs., May 25. "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

Perrysburg (First, Maumee): Ramada Inn, U.S. 20 and I-75, 8 p.m., Tues., May 23.‡ "Diana or Christ?" (Aghamalian)

Ravenna: Church, 209 S. Walnut St., 3 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "The Family of Man" (Rogers)

OKLAHOMA—Muskogee: Church, Seventh and Court Sts., 8 p.m., Fri., May 26.‡ "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwander)

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Westerly: Church, 180 Beach St., 7:30 p.m., Thurs., May 25.‡ "Loving to Live" (Curtis)

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SOUTH DAKOTA—Rapid City: Church, Seventh and Columbus, 8 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "God Is Your Provider" (Alton)

TENNESSEE—Tullahoma: Women's Club, 709 Wilson Ave., 11 a.m., Sat., May 27. "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

TEXAS—Denison: Church, 927 W. Sears, 3 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

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UTAH—Salt Lake City (First): Church, 352 E. Third, S., 8 p.m., Fri., May 5.‡ "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

VIRGINIA—Richmond (First): Church, 2201 Monument Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., May 23.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

WASHINGTON—Bellevue: Church, 801 Lake Washington Blvd., 8 p.m., Tues., May 9.‡ "We Thy People" (Heard)

WISCONSIN—Lake Geneva: Church, Wisconsin and Broad Sts., 3 p.m., Sat., May 27.‡ "Is Anybody at Home?" (Houston)

Marinette: Church, Stephenson and Liberty Sts., 7:30 p.m., Fri., May 26. "Is Anybody at Home?" (Houston)

Monroe: Church, 1411 Tenth St., 8 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "See It Like It Is" (Houston)

WYOMING—Casper: Church, Fourth and Grant Sts., 8 p.m., Mon., May 8.‡ "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

Cheyenne: Church, 3202 Old Faithful Rd., 8 p.m., Mon., May 22.‡ "Finding Reality Through Prayer" (Heard)

Rock Springs: Church, A and Blair Sts., 3 p.m., Sun., May 21.‡ "We Thy People" (Heard)

Sheridan: Sheridan Center, 609 N. Main, 3 p.m., Sun., May 21. "How to Love and Be Loved" (Alton)

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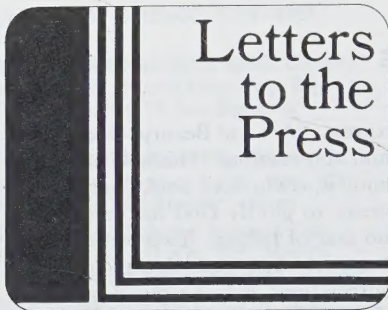
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As we read in the *Billboard* column of the same issue how your reporter tried to penetrate the "shroud of secrecy" sup-

posedly enveloping our church, we thought of the top-level interviews, documented facts, figures and printed reports we furnished him, together with offers of further help, and wondered what else would be necessary before the myth of secrecy, like the allied myths of serious schism and imminent collapse, could be decently laid to rest.

We are grateful that your reporter did accept some of that factual material as rebuttal of what his own story called the unproven charges of the assorted dissidents he quoted. But please, after a hundred years in the community, can't we get to know each other a little better—at least to the point where an open invitation to come and talk isn't confused with a challenge to storm the Bastille?

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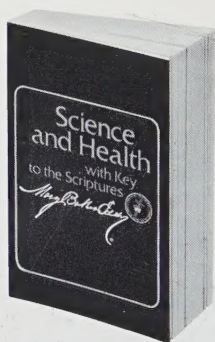
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